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SCAM IN PROCUREMENT OF SENSITIVE EQUIPMENTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scam in the procurement of sensitive equipment running into crores of rupees have been detected in the Western Naval Command;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the established procurement procedures have been flouted by the some officers to favour certain firms;

(d) if so, the total money involved in the scam;

(e) whether the equipments procured have been found to be of genuine quality and do not endanger the Navy`s strike capabilities;

(f) if not, whether these equipments have been removed; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Some irregularities have been detected mainly concerned with certain individuals in the Procurement and Inspection Agencies seeking gratification and favours from suppliers.

(b) The matter is under detailed investigation being conducted by a Departmental inquiry.

(c) Deviations in procedures, if any, are also being investigated by the Departmental Inquiry.

(d) The amount involved has not been computed as the case is still under Investigation and evidence being collected.

(e) There has been no report of any substandard equipment having been procured and therefore no adverse impact on the Navy`s strike capability has come to notice.

(f) Not applicable.

(g) Not applicable.